

A GUIDE TO AUSTRALIAN FOLK / HERITAGE SOCIAL DANCE EVENTS - 2017

ANNUAL EVENTS EXCEEDING ONE DAY		
6-8 January	Cygnnet Folk Festival, Tasmania	http://www.cygnnetfolkfestival.org/
20-22 January	Trentham Irish Set Dancing Weekend, Vic.	http://www.melbournecladdaghancers.com.au/
13-17 April (Easter)	National Folk Festival, Canberra	http://folkfestival.org.au/
21-23 April	Jane Austen Festival, Canberra	http://janeaustenfestival.com/
9-12 June (Long weekend)	Bundanoon DanceFest, NSW	http://www.bushtraditions.org/
16-18 June	Melbourne Comhaltas Set Dance Weekend	http://melbournecomhaltas.org/
15-17 September (3 rd weekend)	Turning Wave Festival, Yass, NSW	http://www.turningwave.org.au/
6-8 October (w'd after 1st Mon pub hol.)	Canberra Irish Set Dance Weekend	http://www.mabula.net/setdancing/workshop.html
20-22 October (3 rd weekend)	Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival, NSW	http://www.kangaroovalleyfolkfestival.com.au/index.htm
10-12 November (w'd after 1st Tues.)	Spring Dance Weekend, Portarlington, Victoria	http://tsdav.asn.au/
NB The Folk Festivals included all have a strong dance component . [A general festivals calendar is at http://www.folkalliance.org.au/festivals-calendar/ . See also <i>Trad and Now</i> magazine's regular listing.]		

AUSTRALIA-WIDE DIRECTORIES

Note: These sites often struggle to be up-to-date, but still serve as guides to events/bodies to Google.

Australian Social Dance Network <https://asdwordpresscom.wordpress.com/> **Under construction!**

Dancing the Web <http://dancingtheweb.com/>

Scottish Country Dance in Australia http://rscds.org.au/_mgxroot/page_10836.html

SOME MORE NARROWLY-FOCUSED SITES [see also their LINKS pages]

Bush Music Club, Sydney http://www.bushmusic.org.au/bmc_dances.html

Dance Kaleidoscope, Brisbane <http://www.dancekaleidoscope.org.au/index.html> **Note animations!**

Earthly Delights, Canberra <http://www.earthlydelights.com.au/>

Folk Federation of Tasmania <https://folktas.org/dancing/dance-groups-and-regular-events/>

Melbourne Colonial Dancers <http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au/homepagef.html>

Monaro Folk Society, Canberra http://mfs.org.au/wiki/index.php?title=Latest_News

Queensland Colonial & Heritage Dancers	http://members.optusnet.com.au/colonialdance/index.html
Folk Music & Dance SA	http://folkmadsa.com/
Sydney English Country Dance	https://englishcountrydancesydney.com/
Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria	http://tsdav.asn.au/
WA Folk Acoustic Music and Dance Calendar	http://www.wafolk.iinet.net.au/calendar.html

SOME GOOD FINDS ON THE WEB OVER RECENT YEARS

It seemed a pity to waste the remaining space, so here are some other dance-related items.

International

What are Playford Dances?	http://round.soc.srcf.net/playford/
Dance Video Archives	http://dancevideos.childgrove.org/
Callers Workshop	http://www.colinhume.com/callers.htm
Dance Instructions	http://www.colinhume.com/instruct.htm
What is Contra Dance?	http://www.sbcds.org/contradance/whatis/#Def0
What is Irish Set Dancing?	http://www.setdancingnews.net/news/setintro.lp
Quotes about dancing	http://www.daytonfolkdance.com/dquotes.html

Australian

Jeanette Mill on US contra	http://jam.org.au/moxie/dance/4_10/new-england-usa-is-this-t.shtml
Musings on the why	https://englishcountrydancesydney.com/musings-on-the-why/
Come colonial dancing!	http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au/homepagef.html
Australian Colonial Dance	http://www.colonialdance.com.au/
Old Time Dancing & Music	http://www.bendigobushdance.org.au/layout.php?p=20 [Added 2017]
Dance Animations	http://www.dancekaleidoscope.org.au/dance.html [Includes calls & music]
Old time musicians on film	http://www.bushtraditions.org/videos/nfsavideo.htm

Compiler's note

I returned from the usual high quality dancing at the 2015 National Folk Festival determined to make it easier for my fellow South Aussie folk/heritage dancers to keep abreast of interstate dancing opportunities and plan their holidays to take in a festival and/or dance or two. As Australia-wide dance directories struggle to keep up-to-date, I have based this directory on State-level sites. This 'directory of directories' approach requires less maintenance. I compiled the 1st edition in June 2015 and since then have updated the Guide in January/February, when I send it to my SA folk email list and also email it to all the groups listed. Naturally I'd welcome suggestions for additional entries – see my email address in the footer – but will aim to keep the document to under two pages.